

HB 1082 -- Licensed Professional Counselors

Sponsor: Wells

The bill revises the definition of "professional counseling" as it applies to the Committee for Professional Counselors within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration to include the diagnosis, treatment, prevention, and amelioration of mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders.

Beginning August 28, 2014, any person who gives a diagnosis subject to the provisions regarding licensed professional counselors who was not required to complete specified coursework in diagnostic systems must provide evidence of the completion of a three-hour course in the diagnosis and assessment of persons with mental and emotional disorders.

The committee must maintain a list of licensed professional counselors, which is to be available to the public, who have met this requirement or who have completed the course in diagnostic skills.